

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: January 31-February 1, 2007

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Action Item

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER FISCAL YEAR 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP ALLOCATION PLAN AND CRITERIA WAIVER-07-02**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve Waiver-07-02 extending the period of contract award for the time periods identified for each project on the attached document.

ISSUE:

The Commission allocated \$924,000 for the construction of the three projects identified on the attachment. The responsible agencies have been unable to award the contracts and do not anticipate awarding the contracts by the deadlines. The attachment describes the details of the projects and the explanation of the delays. The respective agencies request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2005, the Commission adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 STIP/SHOPP Allocation Plan and Criteria, which limited FY 2005-06 allocations to projects ready to proceed to construction within six months. STIP Guidelines stipulate that the Commission may approve a waiver to the contract award deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Project Contract Award Deadline
Local Streets and Roads Projects

Project #	Applicant County PPNO Project Description Reason for Project Delay	Extension Amount <i>Construction Only</i>	Allocation Date Resolution Number Number of Months Requested Extended Deadline CT Recommendation
1	City of Ukiah Mendocino PPNO: 01-4077P Railroad Crossing Rehabilitation	\$172,000	06/08/2006 FP-05-85 3 months 03/31/2007 Support
<p>The City of Ukiah is requesting a three-month time extension in order to repackage and re-advertise the project. The City scheduled the advertisement for December 2006 in anticipation of receiving lower bids during the slow season for construction. However, after advertising the project for three weeks beginning December 7, 2006, the bids received were excessively high. The City will repackage the project and be ready to re-advertise for bids in February 2007. The City anticipates awarding the contract by March 2007. If the bids received in February 2007 are again too high, the City will have to cancel the project.</p>			
2	City of Ukiah Mendocino PPNO: 01-4089P Railroad Crossing Rehabilitation	\$112,000	06/08/2006 FP-05-85 3 months 03/31/2007 Support
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3	Kern County Kern PPNO: 06-E012J 7 th Standard Road Project	\$640,000	06/08/2006 FP-05-86 12 months 12/30/2007 Support – Recommend 10 months
<p>Kern County is requesting a 12-month time extension to reprogram the project in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and to advertise and award the project.</p> <p>The \$640,000 was programmed into the STIP and the Commission allocated funds in June 2006. The County submitted a Request for Authorization to Proceed with Construction (E-76) to the Department; however, there was not enough time to receive FHWA approval for the E-76 in Fiscal Year 2005-06. The County must now reprogram the \$640,000 into the 2006-07/2008-09 FTIP, since the 2003/04-2005/06 FTIP expired at the end of September 2006, before the E-76 could be approved. The Department has received a draft of the amendment request, and a public hearing was scheduled for January 18, 2007. It will take approximately four months to complete a formal amendment to the 2006-07/2008-09 FTIP, three months to submit the E-76 and obtain approval, two months for advertising and bidding, and one month to award the project.</p>			